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Railtown 1897 Introduces Unique “Crew for a Day” Program *Perfect for Gift Ideas, Special Occasions or Those Looking for a VIP Experience*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – California State Parks and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) are proud to offer a special “Crew for a Day” program perfect for rail fans interested in a unique, hands-on experience. The exciting new offering, which helps to raise much-needed funds for the Park, is available now but must be scheduled in advance.

As honorary Railtown 1897 SHP crew members, “Crew for a Day” participants learn about historic steam engines in an up-close and personal style, engage in hands-on locomotive start-up procedures -- that include lighting the locomotive with a burning rag, lubricating, fueling, and taking on water at the historic water tank -- and have the opportunity to watch the operation of the historic Sierra No. 3 steam locomotive from the engine cab. The fun-filled experience ends with participants joining the fire crew and tailing the steam engine in a vintage track car. All “Crew for a Day” participants receive a special “Crew for a Day” certificate and have their photograph taken with the members of the Railtown 1897 SHP crew.

The day-long VIP program is available to adults ages 18 and older and can accommodate up to two guests at one time. The cost to participate in the unique “Crew for a Day” program at Railtown 1897 SHP costs \$500 for one person or \$750 for two individuals.

More information about the new “Crew for a Day” program offered by Railtown 1897 SHP is available at www.railtown1897.org/crew-for-a-day or by calling 209-984-8703.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 2 through August 27, 2014 (with special trains on select dates in November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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